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## **St. Louis County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Update**

### **Guidance for Children and Masks**

As we navigate towards the reopening of businesses and other functions in St. Louis County, masks may be required and this does include children, especially in places where they may not be able to avoid staying 6 feet away from others. For example, if you have to take them to the doctor, pharmacy, or grocery store. Children under the age of 2 years should **not** wear cloth face coverings.

However, under the following circumstances you may need to reconsider the use of cloth face coverings on a child:

- The face coverings are a possible choking or strangulation hazards to your child.
- Wearing the cloth face covering causes your child to touch their face more frequently than not wearing it.

Staying home and physical distancing is still the best way to protect your family from COVID-19. Especially for younger children who may not understand why they can't run up toward other people or touch things they shouldn't, it's best to keep them home. Children who are sick (fever, cough, congestion, runny nose, diarrhea, or vomiting) should not leave home.

### **Dignified Transfer Center**

The Dignified Transfer Center is currently accommodating 5 decedents. 47 additional individuals have been through the center and transported to a crematorium or funeral home, at the request of family. To date, 52 individuals have entered the Dignified Transfer Center.

### **Contact Information**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services hotline can be reached at (877)435-8411.

St. Louis County has created a website dedicated to the dissemination of information relating to COVID-19, [www.stlcorona.com](http://www.stlcorona.com). Please visit that website or those belonging to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) for the most current and reputable information. Apologize for the delay today, there were a few technical difficulties with the distribution list on email. Thank you for your patients.

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